

REMARKS

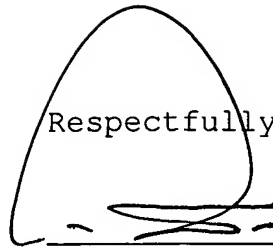
The Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed since, contrary to the Examiners contention that Claims 1,7,10 and 15 recite different inventions, the Applicants respectfully submit that other than the fact that the preambles are recited in different forms, the method recited in Claims 1,7,10 and 15, and thus their dependent Claims, all have essentially the same method steps of:

- "1. determining the state of charge of the charge carrier;
2. setting the power output of the charge carrier to a first value if the power required by the load is less than the maximum power available to be supplied from the fuel cell; and,
3. setting the power output of the charge carrier to a second value if the power required by the load is equal to or greater than the maximum power available to be supplied from the fuel cell."

The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the same method that contains the same method steps has been recited in independent Claims 1,7,10 and 15 and as such, all the pending claims, i.e. 1-19 recite the same invention and should be examined at the same time. The Restriction Requirement is therefore respectfully traversed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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